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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal</b></p> <p>Address to: MS RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450</p>	<i>image</i>	Application Number	09/643,946-Conf. #2940
	Filing Date	August 23, 2000	
	First Named Inventor	Kevin J. Torek	
	Art Unit	1765	
	Examiner Name	L. Vinh	
	Attorney Docket No.	M4065.0166/P166-A	

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).
- a.  Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.  
i.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
ii.  Other Amendment filed on August 26, 2003
- b.  Enclosed  
i.  Amendment/Reply      iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)  
ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)      iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
2. **Miscellaneous**
- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)  
b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
- a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_  
i.  RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)  
ii.  Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)  
iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b.  Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed  
c.  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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Signature			Date
			September 23, 2003

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**FEE TRANSMITTAL  
for FY 2003**

*Effective 01/01/2003, Patent fees are subject to annual revision.*

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT** (\$ 750.00)

**Complete if Known**

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**METHOD OF PAYMENT** (check all that apply)

Check  Credit Card  Money Order  Other  None

Deposit Account:

Deposit Account Number 04-1073

Deposit Account Name Dickstein Shapiro Morin & Oshinsky LLP

The Director is authorized to: (check all that apply)

- Charge fee(s) indicated below  Credit any overpayments  
 Charge any additional fee(s) during the pendency of this application  
 Charge fee(s) indicated below, except for the filing fee to the above-identified deposit account.

**FEE CALCULATION (continued)**

**3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)
1051	130	2051	65 Surcharge – late filing fee or oath
1052	50	2052	25 Surcharge – late provisional filing fee or cover sheet.
1053	130	1053	130 Non-English specification
1812	2,520	1812	2,520 For filing a request for ex parte reexamination
1804	920*	1804	920* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840* Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action
1251	110	2251	55 Extension for reply within first month
1252	410	2252	205 Extension for reply within second month
1253	930	2253	465 Extension for reply within third month
1254	1,450	2254	725 Extension for reply within fourth month
1255	1,970	2255	985 Extension for reply within fifth month
1401	320	2401	160 Notice of Appeal
1402	320	2402	160 Filing a brief in support of an appeal
1403	280	2403	140 Request for oral hearing
1451	1,510	1451	1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding
1452	110	2452	55 Petition to revive – unavoidable
1453	1,300	2453	650 Petition to revive - unintentional
1501	1,300	2501	650 Utility issue fee (or reissue)
1502	470	2502	235 Design issue fee
1503	630	2503	315 Plant issue fee
1460	130	1460	130 Petitions to the Commissioner
1807	50	1807	50 Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)
1806	180	1806	180 Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt
8021	40	8021	40 Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)
1809	750	2809	375 Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))
1810	750	2810	375 For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))
1801	750	2801	375 Request for Continued Examination (RCE) 750.00
1802	900	1802	900 Request for expedited examination of a design application
Other fee (specify)			

**SUBTOTAL (1) (\$ 0.00)**

**2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE**

Total Claims	** =	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Independent Claims	** =			
Multiple Dependent				

**Large Entity** **Small Entity**

Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description
1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	84	2201	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	280	2203	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	84	2204	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

**SUBTOTAL (2) (\$ 0.00)**

*\*\* or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above*

\*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid **SUBTOTAL (3) (\$ 750.00)**

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